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1. The Ivanovo coal mine is located approximately six kilometers southwest of Zajecar, and at the northeastern end of the village of Ljubnica. The mine is connected with the Zvezdan loading station by an overhead ropeway four kilometers long. The mine also has a road connection with the Zajecar-Boljevac-Ljubnica road.

2. The mine is administered by the directorate of the Zajecar mines, which is directly subordinate to the Ministry of Mines of the Republic of Serbia in Belgrade.

3. The planned production figures for 1949 and 1950 are as follows:

1949 - 80,000 tons
1950 - 90,000 tons

The total output for 1949 was 78,000 tons. The total estimated reserves are 1.5 million tons of fair quality lignite.

4. The mine output is consigned for domestic and industrial consumption in Belgrade and Zajecar with the exception of 40 to 45 tons a day which are sent to the Zvezdan thermo-electric power station.

5. Developments:

a. The overhead ropeway connecting the mine with Zvezdan was constructed by a Hungarian firm in 1947.

b. The same firm also installed the coal separation plant which is adjacent to the Zvezdan loading station.

c. New houses for the workers have been constructed.

6. The mine receives electric power from the station in Zvezdan. The plant is equipped with a single turbine of 1,200 kilowatt capacity. A second turbine of equal capacity is being installed at the plant, but completion has been delayed owing to the non-availability of the transformer which is being imported from Germany. Both turbines are of German origin.

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7. Machinery and equipment:

- a. The mine is equipped with the following machinery:

Pneumatic compressors
Perforating machines of Czech and Yugoslav origin, electrically
operated at 125 volts.
Rubber belt transporters
Schuttel chutes
Electrically operated cranes
Centrifugal pumps

- b. The overhead ropeway is electrically operated and as a bunker of 2,000 tons capacity.

- c. The separation plant is fully equipped with electrically operated equipment and machinery including:

Sieves
Graters
Rubber belt transporters
Chain conveyors

- d. The mine has its own workshops which include:

Turning shop, complete with frasing, boring and turning machines
Blacksmith shop
Electrical workshop
Carpenters' shop

- e. The mine owns six trucks of Skoda, Fiat and Praga manufacture. These trucks are serviced in the mine garage which is fairly well equipped.

8. The total number of employees is approximately nine hundred. The main factor limiting production is the shortage of labor. The mine employs an average of 50 forced laborers, all of whom are serving short-term sentences. They are employed as miners, and allowed to move in the mine area freely. They are, however, required to report daily to the Militia station and forbidden to leave their quarters after dark. The mine area is completely open and no passes are issued to the employees.

9. Personalities

Branko Djordjevic	: Mine director
Jelenko	: Mine manager
Engineer Turkovic	: Chief engineer

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